

25 June 1975

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

At approximately 1000L on 25 June 1975 I received a call from Captain Ted Cash, a former Air America helicopter pilot, who provided the following information regarding the crash of an Air Vietnam aircraft which we were informed took place approximately 25 miles southwest of Pleiku on 12 March 1975. Per Captain Cash the morning following the crash (the date of which he did not recall) he along with a USAID representative (name unknown) flew to Pleiku where they picked up one Air Vietnam representative and three high ranking Vietnamese soldiers. From Pleiku they flew to a Government outpost approximately 2 miles from the crash scene and from this point the group attempted to reach the crash site but returned an hour or two after departing and said that due to enemy activity in the area they had been unable to achieve their objective. Captain Cash stated that they returned with a burned page from an aircraft log which apparently had floated clear of the crash site and also reported having seen what appeared to be one parachute. Captain Cash questioned the sighting of a parachute and said that in his best judgment they had perhaps seen a portion of a wing or some other part of the aircraft.

While the team was attempting to reach the site, Captain Cash said he maintained a high orbit of the area but due to the reported hostile activity at no time did he fly low enough to actually see the wreckage. Captain Cash stated that he then returned to the outpost and picked up the group he had originally brought in and flew them back to Pleiku.

Captain Cash said he will provide his own written statement on the above mission which he will mail to me as soon as it is completed.

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